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Acting Chief of Mission, []

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Material for transmittal to Francis R. HEGARTY

1. Attached please find English language instructions and Spanish language articles for transmittal to Francis R. HEGARTY.
2. Please familiarize yourself with the attached materials.

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JEROME C. DUNBAR

JCD/JTN/eaf
4 May 1954

Attachments

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May 4, 1954

1. The big event of the last week, of course, was the opening, on May 1, of the secret radio station inside the target area. For the first week, it is broadcasting between 0700 and 0800 in the mornings on 6360 kilocycles and between 2100 and 2200 in the evenings on 3530 kilocycles. It is suggested that you and your friends listen to this station, broadcasting from inside the target, and guide your radio activities by it. Specifically, you will note how the station is hitting on the theme of passive resistance. First, it is giving several security lectures to the audience and then, it goes on to describe the elementary means of passive resistance to Communism. It will be very useful for your personnel to follow something of the same pattern.

2. From what we hear of the personnel at the inside station, they are very anxious to have tape recordings of Pancho's voice. We recommend that you have Pancho record—perhaps with the assistance of a voice coach—his original manifesto and the two other manifestos that we have sent down. These tapes would be very useful to the people inside.

3. For the remainder of the month of May, in addition to the regular articles, it is urged that you concentrate in both publications on exhorting the reader to passive resistance. Do the same on your radio programs. Tell people not to read the Communist newspapers—tell them to resign from Communist-led unions—tell them not to associate publicly with Communists or to entertain them in their homes—tell employees of Communist-run enterprises quietly to slow down their work—tell civil servants who are hostile to the regime to make minor errors, for which they cannot be punished but which can slow up the whole process of government—tell workers on the fincas of Communists and government politicians to feign illness or to do their work badly—tell railroad men and truck drivers handling government cargo to make mistakes in the routing and delivery of such cargo—all this plus a hundred other ways of passively sabotaging the government and the Communist efforts.

4. As far as La Voz del Ejercito is concerned, it might be appropriate to use the "Time to" series now. You will remember that it was our desire to use them much earlier. For your information and for that of your associates, our present recommendation that these articles be used has nothing whatever to do with any specific action plan. It simply seems to us that, with the psychological conditioning already achieved, that something as systematic and direct as this series of articles is now needed.

5. As regards your budget, it has been studied carefully and, taking the original proposal together with your comments, found reasonable and adequate. We propose roughly to split the difference between the figure you are striving for and the tentative figure you have already arrived at. Your budget for the month of May will be an even C 10 dollars. By the time you receive this message, you will have received a telegram authorizing you to draw C 7 for the first 15 days of May.

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6. In view of the absence of a budget for the southern publication, we are planning to hold off for some little while on the allocation of any further funds. We by no means wish to embarrass you by this, but believe that our not doing anything about the matter may actually strengthen your hand in demanding budget figures. Please advise us if this procedure is satisfactory. Do not hesitate to send us a telegram if you wish an interim allotment to be made to you for the southern publication. Unless you so advise us, we will keep Pancho waiting until he gives you a budget figure.

7. Replies to your report No. 23:

We are very much interested in Pancho's desire to arrive at a formula similar in concept to Justicialismo and we would appreciate it if you would explore with Pancho and (in this case) with Colonel Flores, if the opportunity presents itself, just what ideas Pancho and Flores have along the lines of a political-economic concept. Do they really have anything beyond the "Plan de Tegucigalpa?" You will realize that you must exercise considerable discretion in probing on this matter. You will also realize, of course, how important a matter it can be to us if we can get through you a tipoff on what Pancho's and Flores' basic political philosophy really is. It will be invaluable to know this in future dealings with them.

You may have been somewhat surprised by our message noting that "Cruz y Quetzal" was being abandoned as a programmatic document. A fuller explanation for this move will be forthcoming at some time in the future. In the meantime we are interested in Pancho's reaction to this decision.

You should be advised that [] will shortly begin extensive political work setting up a political commission and doing basic political research and planning with us. This may mean that there will be certain additions and improvements in the "Plan de Tegucigalpa". For your information, it is not presently contemplated to associate [] in this work. However, we request that you gather up and send to us any political studies and memoranda—particularly on the structure of the future government, the composition of the cabinet—agrarian reform, etc.—that have been made at your location. Needless to say, we must know here what plans for the partition of power are being hatched in your neighborhood. Also needless to say, you will have to be mighty discreet in ascertaining such plans.

In the meantime, since your Report No. 23, you have undoubtedly received our green light for you to go ahead with the Havana magazines. We would like to state again that whenever a reputable outlet presents itself, go ahead and use it. We would even go so far as to endorse the principle that it does not matter what people say about Pancho as long as they mention his name.

We have another proclamation in your hands, on the question of the campesinos, and we are curious to know what plans exist for putting it out.

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You are probably aware of the fact that none of us are very thrilled by Pancho's proposed book. We are presently working on some substitute speeches and essays which he can put out under his name, so that he can pose as a literary man and thinker as well as a great military leader. In the meantime, do your level best to pour cold water on his book, if you have to do this in the form of advocating editorial changes—and thus stalling for time—do it; anything to keep it from being printed. Pancho will not, at some future date, be happy that he associated his name with this vacuous piece of writing.

8. Comments on your Report No. 24:

As previously indicated, we will have to leave you pretty much on your own with the balloons. We do not have the means for shipping down the cylinder you requested and we cannot quite envisage your making fairly complicated chemical preparations in the field. We recommend, that for speed and efficiency, you do the best you can with local studies and experiments and with locally produced items. We much prefer that you get something going than that you achieve absolute technical proficiency—a long time after the job is over.

You will have noted from the newspapers, probably, what a smashing success there has been in the "32" campaign. Streets, houses and walls throughout the key city were marked with this symbol; the newspapers picked it up; the police gave chase; it was a really big do. From this you will understand why we were anxious not to dissipate the effect of "32" by your proposed "333." If you had come along with your idea first, it probably would have been adopted. Now the point is that we be consistent and that we capitalize on our successes, rather than introducing a possibly confusing diversity.

Your idea of making recordings on tape of your dramatizations and sending them to us, for evaluation and recording, sounds very good. We cannot assure you, at this time, that we have adequate time and personnel to do the work you request, but we will certainly try. In this connection, we do want to commend you and your friends most heartily for the thought and effort you are putting into the radio programs. There is a kind of system and seriousness to your work that is not only extremely useful at the moment but should stand all the participants in very good stead in the future.

We note that you request full information on the "32" idea. The theme is really quite simple: Article 32 of the Constitution forbids any political parties to serve foreign interests. Thus, the symbol "32", used under present conditions, is an accusation that the government and the Communists are indeed serving foreign interests; if this were not the case, there would be no need for people to remind government and Communists by the symbol "32." The rabid government reaction to the "32" campaign has put the government squarely into a box: the government is now in the position of opposing people who oppose foreign intervention in Guatemala.

Starting this week we will be in mail communication with you twice a week, so that your fears on that matter can be allayed.

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9. Comments on your Report No. 25:

We agree to the cut to 2,500 copies.

10. Attached you will find the usual Spanish language articles for your radio and publications.

11. Arrangements to have the new man take over the southern publication have not yet been completed. You will be advised as soon as possible. Very likely, JJ will help in arranging this matter.